

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.459**

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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Trident Technical College - Culinary Curriculum Program		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

This Bill amends the Code of Laws by adding Section 59-53-427 so as to allow the governing commission of Trident Technical College to establish a four-year culinary curriculum program and award baccalaureate degrees in culinary arts for students graduating from this program.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Passage of this Bill would have no direct impact on the General Fund of the State for FY 05-06, since this Bill requires first year funding to come from existing resources of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) if any funds are available. The SBTCE estimates the cost to establish a four-year culinary arts program at Trident Technical College to be \$13,738,000 of which \$12,743,000 is first year non-recurring expenses. Nonrecurring cost include \$7,125,000 for campus renovation and equipment and \$5,618,000 for construction of new parking garage. Annual operating costs of \$995,000 include salary and fringe for additional faculty as well as support for instruction, libraries, student services, and administration.

The impact on the General Fund for subsequent years is at the General Assembly's discretion. If no additional appropriations are provided for Higher Education formula funding to compensate for the additional cost then existing appropriations may be redirected to this program. Any incremental cost not covered by additional appropriations would be absorbed by other funds (tuition and fee revenue) which may necessitate an adjustment in the institution's tuition and fee rates.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

Construction costs could be finance through Bond issuance.

Approved by:



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